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TAGS: PREL, AF, CH, PK, UR

SUBJECT: PAK MFA SPOKESMAN SIGNALS READINESS FOR

- TALKS WITH USSR ON AFGHANISTAN, LAOS

- SAARC AND ECO; CHINA TO HELP BUILD

- ELECTRICAL COMPLEX

1. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 25 PAKISTAN'S MFA SPOKESMAN (I.E., FOREIGN SECRETARY), ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS IN THE GOP-OWNED "PARISTAN TIMES" OF JUNE 26, 1987, SIGNALLED PAKISTAN'S READINESS FOR TALKS WITH THE USSR ON AFGHANISTAN AND LAODEAN SAARC AGREEMENT ON A DEFINITION OF TERRORISM AND ECO'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND TRADE BETWEEN PAKISTAN, IRAN AND TURKEY. CHINA IS TO HELP BUILD AN ELECTRICAL COMPLEX. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AFGHANISTAN THE SPOKESMAN:

-- SAID THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF UN-SPONSORED GENEVA "PROXIMITY" TALKS BETWEEN KABUL AND ISLAMABAD, BUT THE GOP WAS READY TO "EXTEND FULLEST COOPERATION" FOR THEIR RESUMPTION AT ANY TIME.

-- STATED THAT PAKISTAN IS ALSO PREPARED TO PURSUE THE DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION

-- SPECIFIED THAT GENEVA WAS ITSELF SOLELY CONCERNED WITH THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT OTHER ISSUES ALSO REQUIRED CONSIDERATION OUTSIDE OF GENEVA, SUCH AS RECONCILIATION OF VARIOUS GROUPS AND THE INSTALLATION OF RECONCILIATION OR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

3. LAUDING THE DEFINITION OF TERRORISM REACHED BY CONSENSUS AT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION (SAARC), THE SPOKESMAN:

-- NOTED THAT MODALITIES WOULD BE WORKED OUT LATER AT STATE, BILATERAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS.

-- STATED THAT ALL SEVEN SAARC MEMBERS HAD AGREED TO DRAFT A CONVENTION ENABLING THEM TO COOPERATE TO DETERMINE SUCH CRIMES AND THAT A PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS WOULD PREPARE A DRAFT TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE

SAARC SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR KATHMANDU DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.

4. PRAISING THE STEPS TAKEN TO PROMOTE INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE HIGH COUNCIL OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (ECO) HELD IN TEHRAN BETWEEN PAKISTAN, IRAN AND TURKEY, THE SPOKESMAN:

-- SAID A TIME-BOUND PROGRAM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES WAS AGREED TO BE INITIATED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS.

-- STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE FINALIZED AT A MEETING OF COMMERCE MINISTERS OF ECO NEXT MONTH.

-- ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE QUANTITY OF TRADE AT THE INITIAL STAGES UNDER THE SYSTEM HAD NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

-- NOTED THAT PAKISTAN AND TURKEY HAD RECENTLY FLOATED A CREDIT OF 50 MILLION DOLLARS TO PROMOTE THEIR TRADE.

5. THE PLAN FOR SETTING UP A HEAVY ELECTRICAL COMPLEX (FIRST AGREED AT PAK-CHINA JOINT COMMISSION LAST YEAR) IS MOVING TO FINAL COMPLETION. ALSO UNDER REVIEW IS THE IDEA TO EXTEND AND UPGRADE THE HEAVY MECHANICAL COMPLEX (AT TAXILA) ALREADY IN OPERATION.

6. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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